GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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RETAIL OUTLETS OF OIL PSUS ON HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether a number of retail outlets on National Highways/ State Highways of oil PSUs have become or going to become unviable/unprofitable due to construction of flyover infront of such petrol pumps resulting in closure of approaches etc.;

(b): if so, whether the Government /oil corporation have made some programme to rehabilitate such dealers; and

(c): If so, by which time the necessary directions/policies would be issued and steps would be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Seventy Seven (77) Retail Outlets (ROs) belonging to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) on National Highways/ State Highways have become or going to become unviable/ unprofitable due to construction of flyovers infront of these outlets resulting in closure of approaches, etc.

(b): Rehabilitation of dealerships becoming unviable and affected due to above mentioned reasons is done by resitement of the RO as per extant policy.

(c) To take care of these type of cases, resitement policy is already in place.However, commissioning of these ROs at new location depends upon identification and procurement of suitable lands in the same State and in the same class of market and obtaining of various approvals from various statutory authorities.